## 4715.2280 WATER METER INSTALLATION.

Water meters shall be located inside a building and installed at least 12 inches above the finished floor and shall be readily accessible. Water meters installed within five feet of a plumbing fixture must be shielded from contamination. All water meter installations shall be rigidly supported with a permanent support in order to prevent the meter from vibrating when the water is passing through it. Water meter installations must also be approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

Exceptions: Where installation inside a building is not possible, the water meter may be installed in an enclosed structure not subject to flooding, high groundwater, or surface drainage runoffs, provided the meter is protected from freezing. Provision shall be made to install the meters above grade when possible. When installed below grade, the top of the structure shall be located at least 12 inches above the finished grade, be secured, and accessible. This structure shall not be connected to any storm or sanitary sewer system.

**Statutory Authority:** MS s 16B.62; 326.37 to 326.45; 326B.121; 326B.43 to 326B.49

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